

Summer Care Option Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do we need to give applications to parents that are already on vouchers?

No. If a child has already been approved for a voucher for the summer, then they will not need to apply for this “special” voucher.

2. How much should I pay my ABC summer staff?

Each program must determine how much to pay their summer employees based on their budget.

4. Can programs use leftover ABC funds from the 2012-2013 school year for summer?

No. Any funding not used during the 2012-2013 school year must be returned to the state.

5. What do we do when children are absent?

Providers will be paid for a maximum of 5 absentee days per child. Absentees will be tracked by DCCECE and in COPA.

6. How much will our program be reimbursed?

Your program will be reimbursed at \$27.30 per child/per day or the county cap rate, whichever is higher.

7. When is the Childcare Participant training?

The childcare participant training must be taken online prior to the beginning of summer care in order for your program to be paid Please follow the link to take the online training: <https://dhs.arkansas.gov/DCCECE/PAT/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fdccece%2fpat%2f>

8. Since the voucher covers 7-10 hours can we still set a certain time for the program to end? Example: 7:00 to 4:00?

We recommend that you create your schedule to accommodate working families. The voucher will only cover a maximum of 10 hours of care.

9. If we have 20 slots for ABC, can we take 20 ABC summer kids if they qualify? **Yes**

10. How many hours does the parent have to attend school to be considered a full-time student?

6 hours for the summer

11. How many hours does a parent need to work to be considered full-time?

At least 30 hours per week.

12. I have a child living with grandparents who are retired so I would like to know if I could serve him.

We will evaluate each situation on a case-by-case basis.

13. If a child was in ABC in the 2012-2013 year, but is going to kindergarten, are they eligible? **Yes.**

14. If a child attended ABC in the 2012-13 year and has siblings who will be eligible for ABC next year, can the siblings attend?

No. The Summer Care program is only for current ABC children.

18. If a child moves or drops in the middle of the summer program, will we be able to start another child in their spot late?

Yes. The child must meet the eligibility criteria for this “special voucher”. Eligibility verification information must be submitted for each child added during the summer care period. Eligibility will be determined by DHS, and the Agency will be notified as to whether or not the child is eligible to be served. DHS agrees to start enrollment date on the date that an updated roster and its eligibility verification information are received.

22. Are we billing online or will they send one time voucher payment?

Payments will be made based on weekly attendance in COPA. ABC reimbursements will be processed through a CCDF claim.

23. If the family has already met the 60 month threshold for participating in the voucher program are they eligible for this “special voucher”?

These circumstances will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

24. Is there a set beginning and ending date for summer care?

Programs can begin as soon as their ABC program has ended and must end summer care before their ABC program begins.